# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
# LOK SABHA

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DISCRIMINATION AGAINST GIRL CHILD
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**Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn towards the newspaper report "For girls, raw deal begins at home" regarding discrimination against girl child published in Times of India dated March 8, 2008;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter and reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to bring girls and boys equally in the mainstream of society particularly targetted towards deprived ones?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c) National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) has reported that the information contained in the new report has not been supplied by them. However, in order to improve the status of girl children in society, the Ministry of Women and Child Development has launched a new Scheme of Dhan Laxmi − Conditional Cash Transfeer for girl child with Insurance Cover, which includes cash transfers to the family of the girl child based on the fulfillment of four important conditionalities viz. birth and registration of the girl child, immunization, retention in school and delaying marriage beyond 18 years of age. The Ministry is also undertaking awareness and sensitization programmes.